

DO WE (St. Albert and District) NEED A

by W.J. Netelenbos

COMMUNITY CENTRE?

An actual question heard daily not only in St. Albert, Edmonton and Alberta, but all over Canada and the world. The basis of a healthy community life was and still should be "FAMILY". Here at home after work and after school Father and Mother meet their children for joint relaxation in community family entertainment (recreation). We all know that this ideal community life is badly disturbed by the way of living in this modern time; for instance, Father has his work in the west end, Mother at the east end and children are at school. The family is leaving their home at different times in the morning and re-entering their home also at different times. At the moment when Mother should really be at home when the children come from school, she cannot be there. All these facts have spoiled many family lives and tension is increasing more and more. This is the situation we are faced with in this modern world. Weak family lives means that the nation also will become weak. A nation based on disturbed family community units can never have a healthy growth. Say for instance the Soviet Union where many children are brought up under the wings of the almighty government. They all miss the tender love of parents. Such a nation will kill itself by producing automatic human beings who depend on their government to think for them. We are happy that the Western world recognizes the tremendous danger caused by all these disturbed family community lives. Probably this is at the moment the major problem that has to be solved in this world. What can we, the citizens of St. Albert and District, do to attack this cancerous problem? The first and most radical medicine would be "BRING THE FAMILY TOGETHER AGAIN AS A HEALTHY COMMUNITY UNIT". Let Mum and Dad and children spend their leisure time in the same community center where Mum has her own club facilities, where Dad can play golf, football. curl, etc., and where the children also have their playgrounds and other activities which we find on the same spot known as the "Community Center". On the same evening you will find Dad in the Bowling Alley of this center, you will find Mother in the Arts and Crafts room of this center, you will find Mary, the daughter, with her Guide Troop in another room of this center and you will also find son John in the auditorium of this community center practising judo and gymnastics. Here you find a family unit again, happy and busy doing their favorite activities in the same community center. Such a community center also saves a lot of money on your gas bills, etc. I know a family who brings, every Saturday, their daughter at 9:00 a.m. to her special girls club in Edmonton. At 11:00 a.m. son John has to attend the swimming pool 15 miles further from the girls club. At 1:00 p.m. Father has to go to the golf course and Mother doesn't really know at which place to stay. Every week this family has the same trouble arranging this transport which is scattered over St. Albert and Edmonton. Mother starts to become nervous and family tensions are becoming regular. I think it is worthwhile to find out if St. Albert and District should have their own community center. I know that your first question will be "What do you mean?" by "community center"? Let the following give you a general idea:

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BOOKS - OUR BASIS OF CULTURE

Two grave misconceptions exist regarding culture — (1) it belongs only to the wealthy class and (2) it consists of a knowledge of "high-brow" music and Salvador Dali. As to the first, one does not have to be a "goer" of the Metropolitan Opera or a Goya collector to be cultured, (although it does help to know that the Metropolitan Opera is not the American Branch of the Metropolitan Stores, or a Goya, a native of Goy). Culture is not limited to one or even two fields of endeavor. It is an appreciation of the beautiful things around us, whether it be a sonnet, a sunset or a sonata. It is not an affectation assumed in order to impress. This too prevalent idea prevents even the strong—minded individual from admitting that he has a passion for poetry, much less make the horrible gaffe of indicating a preference for Bach over Boogie.

The dictionary gives as one definition of culture "improvement through training". This word "training" is of the utmost importance. Nobody is born cultured, the appreciation of the arts must be learned. Training aids, in plentiful supply, are available to all of us regardless of where we live, what our profession or how low our financial status. Public libraries, Radio, Art museums, Amateur Theatricals and yes, even Television, provide us with an excellent basis of culture. One of the most cultured ladies I have ever met, lives in a small run-down farmhouse in a sparsely populated section of Saskatchewan. She had never been to an opera house or a Concert Hall; her immediate examples of architecture are the farm buildings and she has never owned an oil painting. Yet she is steeped in knowledge of the arts. She reads. - For the past fifty years she has read everything she has been able to lay her hands on. She possesses no great library, but she has read her friends' books, she has read practically the entire public library in the nearest town and she has even written to the nearest University to borrow books, and they were pleased to accomodate her. As she read, she made the knowledge her own. Through books, she has mingled with the students listening with rapt attention to the teachings of Plato; she has joined the lovely ladies surrounding Cleopatra; she has travelled the world, through all ages; consorting with artists and kings, composers and poets. Little wonder then that a fragment of music, a verse of poetry, a reproduction of a masterpiece are things near and dear to her heart. She has converted her life from a drab routine of feeding chickens, preserving beans and watering cattle to a full stimulating existence.

As compared to this lady, I think of another friend of mine, a little boy, not really little but about twelve years old. He lives in a beautiful home, complete with swimming pool. The Drawing Room is dominated by a concert grand piano (nobody uses the instrument — the decorator suggested it as a touch of dignity). The other end of the room houses the Television set, in front of which rests a stack of comic books, which my little friend "devours" during commercials. He loves adventure, space travel and programmes concerning boys his own age. I sometimes think he's not very satisfied with the current television fare. Poor little boy. How he would love standing with Horatio on the bridge or trailing Robinson Crusoe. Even the most advanced technical knowledge on space travel can't compare for glamour and excitement with the travels of Marco Polo, and what could better hold a boy's interest than the trials of David Copperfield or the adventures of Huckleberry Finn? This little boy is poor in spite of his grand piano, (which nobody plays and his custom made "little man" golf clubs). Worse, he will grow into a poorer man complete with his technical education and his business know-how, his main role in life will be the acquisition of bigger and better symbols of "good living". No doubt through the years he will acquire a veneer of culture which will gain him access to the "better" clubs and introductions to the right "people".

My old lady and my little boy are the two extremes. In between are we, too timid or too disinterested to get out of our little rut. Literature is but one facet of art, but the important one. All the others depend to some extent on reading. Let us rid ourselves of the idea that books are something to be read to pass Grade nine, and treat them for what they are — The gateway to the appreciation of life.



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The best love letters of a man's and woman's life together are the ones not kept, the little short ones that come after marriage and are not thought of as love letters at all. The little note she penciled from the hospital: "Thanks for the great big flowers, which were not in the budget for the baby's coming. And the fact that she has your eyes is a bouquet for life for me." The note he left on the kitchen table when he sneaked out and left her sleeping: "I thought you were wonderful at the party last night." And in the years when success was nearing: "The new department head looked superb in that new suit, my family and I agreed." And the chit that went with a little gift to "the nicest mommy that ever headed a P.T.A." In the mid-years, which should be called the Golden Years, really, because then goals are reached and interests are widespread and intense: "Big-Shot Daddy, your wave at the TV camera from the speakers' table at the convention was duly noted, thrilled at, and lived over. Your speech





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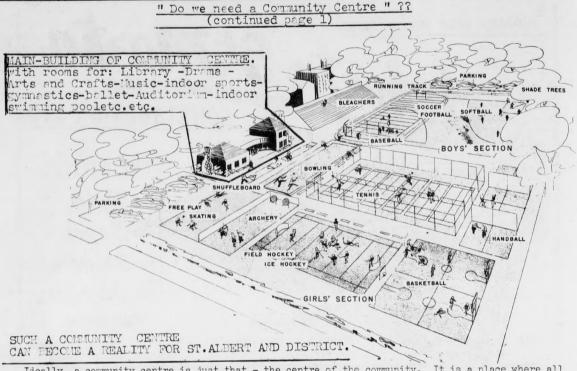
n large kettle, combine short ribs, monosodium glutamate, bay leaf, peppers, salt, and vinegar with water to cover. Then bring to boiling, covered. Reduce heat; simmer 60 minutes, or until the short ribs are almost tender. Drain.

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ing, stirring.

Remove short ribs from bones. Thread meat chunks on skewers. Place foil drip pan under meat to catch drippings. Grill, 5 inches from prepared coals, 10 minutes on each side; baste frequently with sauce. Makes 4 to 6 servings

To cook indoors: Simmer short ribs as above. Broil on rack in broiler pan, 5 inches from heat, about 8 minutes on each side, basting frequently with sauce.



Ideally, a community centre is just that - the centre of the community. It is a place where all members of the community can come together to pursue common interest and premote better community living.

The community centre movement - for a "movement" it can certainly be considered - has arisen in many parts of the modern world as a result of modern social organization. In the typical big city neighborhood or community, living side by side are people of different religions, racial origins, cultural backgrounds, economic status and political beliefs. In spite of all that separates them they do have much in common. Their children play together and go to the same schools. They are all concerned with the appearance and the amenities of the community. Sconer or later an issue is seriously affected by the kind of community they live in, although a great many people today spend the greater proportion of their time outside the immediate community. Sconer or later an issue will arise whether it be around an unsatisfactory condition needing to be eliminated or a common desire for positive improvement.

General community concern results in someone taking the initiative and calling people together to discuss what action might be taken. Officers are elected and a new community association has come into existence. Many associations have been formed around a community desire for the provision of recreational facilities and activities. Others have come into being in an attempt to expedite the acquisition of street lighting, tree planting and sewer installation, but in almost all cases these associations appoint a recreation committee. Recreational activities comes to be the major function of the association. When the association gets to the stage where it wants to promote activities, then

the question of facilities arises and the need for a community is felt and expressed.

This, or a slight variation, is the way many of our community centres have come into being. Furthermore, this is the only sound basis on which a community centre can be established. The need is felt by the members of the community for a centre of community activities and they meet together to answer that need. They will undoubtedly approach the municipal recreation authority for assistance. Provincial and municipal legislation permits the use of public funds for recreation and increasing amounts are being appropriated annually for this purpose. Thus the community centre becomes a joint responsibility of the residents of the community and their civic government but always remembering that the civic government is assisting the community.

Community centres exist so that neighbours can come together on an equal footing to enjoy social, recreative and educational activity, either as members of groups following particular hobbies and pursuits or on the basis of their common needs and interests as human beings living in the same locality. Unlike other meeting places the community centre is absolutely neutral ground belonging to one group, but the place where men and women of every creed and political opinion may meet and mix as equals, and

Many writers in this field have termed the community recreation movement the "last stronghold of democracy". Tremendous population increase and the growing complexity of society have left the mass of the people with no way of participating in the democratic process other than an occasional trip to the polling booth. At the community level, the individual has the opportunity of fulfilling his civic responsibilities in a very real and meaningful way.



PLANNING COMMITTEE LEAGUE

The Planning Committee of the Community League held a meeting on Thursday, July 6th at the Community Hall. This meeting was specially designed to talk over the community activities in St. Albert and District for the Winter SEVEN CITIES OF GOLD (Adventure) Season 1961-62. Definite proposals will be made to the Board of Directors for their approval very soon and will be published for all of the citizens of St. Albert and District.

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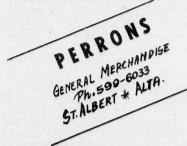
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The Lions' regular meeting on Tuesday, July 4th was used by the FIVE BRANDED WOMEN (Action) Lions and their wives to visit the Edmonton Planetarium at Westmount. It was an exciting evening hearing the explanations of the planets and the stars. It was very educational and for most. of them it was a completely new experience. Afterwards they gathered at the Kingsway Legion for coffee and snacks. This was another wonderful program which was organized by their Program Director. Dr. W. D. Cuts.

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If such is the case; Rheumatoid Arthritis is often characterized by spontaneous remissions

some of which are permanent. The treatment entertained at the time of the remission could be labelled as a cure. However there is no specific cure for Rheumatoid Arthritis.

As for a diet - Most people with Rheumatoid Arthritis are underweight and attempts should be made to correct this. No food should be restricted, and the older fads of restriction of citrus fruit, pork, etc. are to be condemned. No special diet is required except one rich in proteins, calories, iron and adequate in the essential vitamins.



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TENNIS CLUB

The first meeting of the Mackenzie Tennis Club was held on Monday July 3 in the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School. The excellent turnout for the meeting was most encouraging for all concerned.

The meeting dealt mainly with formulating the constitution of the club, and drawing up club rules. The business being incomplete, the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M. Membership Fees were set as follows:-

\$2.00 Student Membership Adult Membership \$5.00 Married Couple Membership \$7.00 Family Membership \$10.00

There will be three Tennis Courts located at the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School. Of these two will be regulation courts and one practice court. All those interested should contact the mem bership committee or phone the School District Secretary, Mr. Armstrong at 599-6601.

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SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD MOVES OFFICES

The Separate School Board announces the change in location of the Boards' Offices.

The District Offices previously located in the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School are now located

in the basement of the New Town Hall.

> The telephone listed in the present directory has been disconnected. You may now contact them by calling the Town Hall 599-6601.

Board Meetings will be conducted on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall. The meeting of the third Thursday has been cancelled for July and August only.

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The community centre supplies a unifying influence, reminding men and women of their common interest as citizens of the same locality. In a day when rival ideologies rend the air there is much to be said for an organization which can bring men and women of conflicting political opinions together round the same table to plan for the good of their neighborhood and where parson and publican meet on the same level to exchange views!

According to this definition, a community centre is much more than a series of recreational activities. It is a vital and essential element in modern society with a unique function which must be performed if the community is not to suffer. It brings family life back again on to a strong and healthy

basis.



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A Dog-Owner





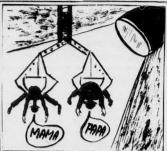




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